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SUBJ: PERMANENT CHANCERY - FINISH PLANS FOR AUDITORIUM CEILING

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1. ON APRIL 2, 1976 DLA FINISH PLANS FOR SEVERAL AREAS IN THE PERMANENT CHANCERY WERE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT. DRAWING NUMBER 42 IN THIS GROUP SHOWS THE DLA'S PROPOSED FINISH FOR THE AUDITORIUM CEILING. THE DRAWING INDICATES THE CEILING WILL BE INSTALLED IN A STAIRSTEP ARRANGEMENT TO ALLOW FOR CLEARANCE OF THE CENTRALLY-LOCATED LOAD-BEARING BEAM IN THE AUDITORIUM CEILING AND STILL ALLOW ENOUGH CEILING HEIGHT FOR PROJECTION.

2. DURING THE MEETING WITH DLA REPRESENTATIVES HOFFMANN AND HAN IN APRIL, THE FINISH PLAN FOR THE AUDITORIUM WAS DISCUSSED. THE DLA WAS ADVISED THAT THEIR FINISH PLAN FOR THE CEILING WAS NOT SATISFACTORY SINCE IT WOULD NOT ALLOW FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRACK LIGHTING AS PROVIDED FOR BY USIS DESIGNER ANDREA SCHMETZ IN HER DRAWING DATED 9 DECEMBER 1975. THE DLA REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THEY DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF TRACK LIGHTING AND SAID THEY WOULD WAIT UNTIL FINISH PLANS FOR THE AUDITORIUM ARE RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON

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AS PER REFTL PARA B1B.

3. PRESENTLY, THE DLA IS PROCEEDING WITH INSTALLATION OF ACOUSTIC BASE MATERIAL ON THE WALLS AND THE CEILING OF THE AUDITORIUM. FROM RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH DLA REPRESENTATIVES IT APPEARS THEY INTEND TO INSTALL THE CEILING AND WALL FINISH OVER THIS ACOUSTIC BASE MATERIAL. THE MATERIAL THEY ARE NOW INSTALLING IS SIMILAR TO U.S. GYPSUM WALLBOARD COVERED WITH CHEESE CLOTH AND HAVING RANDOM SPACED HOLES THROUGHOUT ITS SURFACING.

4. TO ALLOW FOR THE SATISFACTORY FINISH OF THE AUDITORIUM, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT ATTEMPT TO EXPEDITE COMPLETION OF FINISH PLANS FOR AUDITORIUM FINISH AND LIGHTING SO THEY CAN BE GIVEN TO THE DLA AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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